FY 2009 Capital Budget TPS Report 48075

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Klawock

Project Title:

Klawock - Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall Renovations

State Funding Requested: \$ 60,000 House District: 5 - C

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Klawock ANB Hall needs several improvements to make it safe for patrons to use. The funding will improve the fire escapes, interior lighting, and the kitchen.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$60,000

<u>Funding Secured</u> <u>Other Pending Requests</u> <u>Anticipated Future Need</u>

Amount FY Amount FY Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Alaska is a unique state. A large part of what makes it unique is its diverse cultures and geographic features. The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood have been institutions in this state for more than 60 years. They have long been the backbone for many rural communities supporting various community activities and events. The ANB/ANS Halls serve as the triage centers for rural communities in Southeast Alaska. Anytime there is an important event in our communities it is held in these buildings. They host funerals, weddings, workshops, fundraisers for families in need, conventions, and many other events throughout the year. These buildings are a crucial part of any community where they exist.

The necessary renovations that need to be made to the Klawock ANB Hall are to improve the fire escapes, and add fire extinguishers to bring the building up to fire code; improve the interior lighting; replace the old, unusable tables and chairs; and to install a new public address system. All of these projects will improve the safety of the people using the hall.

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Project Timeline:

Funding will be secured in the summer of 2008 with construction beginning immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Klawock

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Grant Recipient Contact Information:
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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March 20, 2008

Senator Albert Kookesh Representative Bill Thomas State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Kookesh and Representative Thomas,

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The ANB Hall in Klawock is extremely outdated and run down. There is much improvement and replacement needed such as the fire extinguishers, interior lighting, tables and chairs, storage cabinets and interior paint. The kitchen appliances and utensils are very old and need replacing such as the stove, oven, dishwasher, and basic utensils so that it may cater to these many events that take place here. The Public Address System is also outdated and barely works and must be replaced.

As you can see this building is too important to this community and needs your support to help these improvements become a reality.

Sincerely,

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